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Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee of the Newcastle District Bowling Association held at Association Headquarters, Lambton Bowling Club, on Monday, January 16, 2023, commencing at 5.30pm.

PRESENT: President: M Conway, Vice-Presidents: J. Bilby, W Dettelbacher, K Bucklee, Danny Rowe

Treasurer: D.G. Wells.

Secretary: W Shipley

Sub-Committee Chairman –J.T. Smith OAM Match Committee, Rr Gardner Junior Committee, Milton Rigby Advisory Committee,

APOLOGIES: David Gilday (Vice President and Fingal Bay) Greg Wright (Vice President and Match Committee, Mayfield West), Errol Lind (Dora Creek), John Wolfe (Swansea Workers) Paul Croucher (Stockton)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: Alder Park, Belmont Golf, Boolaroo, Carrington, Jesmond, Mayfield, Lemon Tree Passage, Redhead, Raymond Terrace, Teralba, Water Board.

OBITUARIES: David Hogg, John Lochrin – Life Member (Merewether) Darrel Snape (Zone Mattara sponsor), Barry Wade Senior (Wangi), Col O'Brian (Raymond Terrace)

NEW DELEGATES: Stuart Clarke (Bar Beach), Trent Henry (Swansea Workers), Alex McDonald (Rathmines)

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday November 28, 2022, having been circulated to all members, were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Closing dates for Under 25 singles and pairs now closed, Minor Singles Friday January 20, Zone 4's Friday February 3, Zone Singles February 17.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

It is advised that.

1. Pennant submission to be reviewed by BNSW on January 12, Clubs notified January 13. Clubs have until Friday January 20 for appeals. Section and home and away draw completed by Zone match committee on Tuesday January 24. And hope to be released on January 25.
2. Zone still looking for hosts for Minor Singles and Major Singles (Zone State Singles)

It is recommended:

1. That clubs DO NOT rely on Bowlink for Players Gradings. If unsure of any players grade please contact the office. Don't want to see clubs lose points due to playing players in wrong grade.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mark Conway

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are gearing up for a big year of Bowls. On the 28th and 29th January our Senior and Open Representative Teams will contest the John Smith OAM Shield at Halekulani. Let's hope that it is an enjoyable weekend and that our Zone can win the Shield.

Our Match Committee have been working very hard in organising grades and draws for our upcoming Pennant Season which is fast approaching.

Prior to Christmas I had the pleasure of attending Wangi Bowling Club Presentation Day which was a huge success, and I would like to thank the Club for their invitation.

In the next few weeks Warren will be sending out invitations to you all for Warren and I to attend your Club at an agreed day to meet with your Bowls Committee to see if we can assist your Club any further and will be open for any questions and ideas. This is something new we would like to try this year.

I would like to wish all our Delegates and their Clubs and families a very Happy and Safe 2023.

TREASURERS REPORT: Don Wells

Total Income for period 01/04/2022 to 05/01/2023 = \$149,089

Total Expenses for period 01/04/2022 to 05/01/202 = \$142,595

Excess of income over expenditure (Profit) for period 01/04/2022 to 05/01/2023 = \$6,494

Working Cash Accounts as at 05/01/2023 \$50,418

Term Deposits as at 05/01/2023 \$230,149

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE as at 05/01/2023 \$280,567

SUB COMMITTEES:

Advisory Committee: Milton Rigby

The advisory Committee has produced two new Advisory Pamphlets as follows:

Avoiding Selection Pain. – No 30a.

With the Pennant season looming we decided to prepare this Advisory pamphlet for clubs to use to overcome some of the problems that they experience during the team selection process.

Advice for the New Pennant Players. No 031a

This document has been designed specifically for Pennant debutants and sets out the basics that we all too often forget to tell our newcomers. It may also serve as a reminder for old stagers who have developed bad habits.

Both pamphlets are available on the Associations web site and the committee recommends that you download a copy for your reference.

Greens and Coaching Committee: John Bilby

A list of Coaches have been obtained from Bowlslink and Coaches that accreditation will expire soon will be notified so they can complete the simple process of applying for reaccreditation. Any club that has members who wish to become coaches should contact the Zone office for details.

The Greens committee will be inspecting greens during February in readiness of the upcoming Pennant season

Junior Committee: Ross Gardner:

The Under 25, Singles and Pairs entries have now closed and draws will be circulated to clubs.

Match Committee: John Smith OAM

The Zone 2 Rookies Singles qualifying was finalised at Rathmines Memorial BC and won by Joel Field (Charlestown) who defeated Stephen Storrie (Kotara) in the final. Joel will now represent Zone in the State Finals at Raymond Terrace on 4TH/5th February 2023.

Entries in the 2022/2023 Open Gender Pennant with a total of 131 teams nominated across all grades. Zone 2's submission has been prepared and sent to the State Match Committee for ratification after all requests for variation had been considered at the Match Committee meeting. The State Match met on Thursday 12th January to consider our submission and clubs will be advised as soon as possible after that meeting of the teams approved in each grade. Sectional draws for each grade will then be advised. The following were the Match Committee's suggested numbers for each grade:

No 1 grade – 12(2 from Zone 6), No 2 -10, No 3 – 15, No 4 – 12, No 5 -30, No 6 -32, No 7 -22 Total Sides -131 .This is lower than the 2021 when 155 sides competed .

Clubs are advised that in the current State COP there are a sections devoted to the conditions for the Open Gender Pennants and these should be read in conjunction with the General Conditions for All Events and that all of their Umpires, Controlling Bodies and Selectors should be made aware of them.

Entries in the proposed NDBA Club Challenge will close on 13/01/23 with play scheduled to commence on Wednesday 1st March 2023. Sectional draws will be finalised at the Match Committee Meeting on 24th January with clubs to be advised of the Sectional draws as soon as practical after that date. All clubs have been issued with the Conditions of Play for the competition

Entries are now open for the Zone Minor Singles and will close on 20/01/23

Entries are now open for the State Open, Senior and Reserve Fours and will close on 3/02/23

Entries are now open for the State Open, Senior and Reserve Singles and will close on 17/02/23.

Host clubs are still being sought for the 2023-2024 BPL Cup with the qualifying to be played at different times during the year with finals scheduled for November 2023. The host clubs are paid a \$10 hosting fee for each team that participates at their venue. An expression of interest form is available on the NDBA email circulated on 6th January 2023.

The State Match Committee has sent the proposed programme for Seasons 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 to the Bowls NSW Board for consideration and clubs will be advised of the outcome when the final decisions is made.

Selection Committee. Danny Rowe.

The next Representative match will be the John Smith OAM Shield played at Halekulani on January 28 and 29, involving 3 rinks of Open and 3 rinks of Seniors.

Umpires Committee: Kevin Bucklee.

Enquiry from Boolaroo about running a Course, but no further details have been forwarded by the club. Any Umpire who has reaccreditation due should contact Zone office or Umpires committee to arrange. Also any club wishing to have an umpires course conduct at their club should contact the Zone office.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Clubs are asked to check their club details on the NDBA website and if updates are required forward these to office.
2. Any new Delegate or club member who wishes to be added to email list should forward email address to zone2@ndba.com.au
3. Club Pennant selectors are reminded that they should be familiar with the general Conditions of Play and the Open Pennant Conditions of Play and in particular section 11 regarding player grades and regressions.

4. Club Challenge entries now closed but there is room in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 to fill byes.
5. Discussion took place regarding the planning of the 2023/24 season and 4 versions of the Pennant Calendar were explained. Warners Bay BC also put forward a proposal which will be added to the voting papers which will be forwarded to clubs.

NEXT MEETING: Monday March 13 at Lambton BC at 5:30pm